

Cyngorcynon Cymuned

Rhigos

Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rhigos Community council

Held at Rhigos Community Centre

Monday 10th August 2026 at 6:45pm

Present: -

Cllrs- P.Oliver (Chair), M. Evans (Vice Chair), M.Smith, E.Thomas, O.Morgan, A.Tobin, C.Williams

County Cllr - A.Rogers

Clerk – Alison Williams

Apologies:-

Cllrs.- E. Jones, C. Hopes, H. Wagner

County Cllr. - K.Morgan, A Rogers

Introductions

Introductions were made and Cllr. C. Williams the was welcomed.

Ask a question by a member of the public

Member of the public noted that there is water running into the garden from a pond in the allotments. He will send photographs to Cllr. Tobin and they will liaise further about this matter.

Declaration of interest

None

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It was resolved to confirm the minutes.

2026/73 Matters Arising

None to note

2026/74 Planning Applications

- a. Wyrfa Uchaf 26/0486/FUL. Conversion and extension of existing outbuildings. No objections noted.

2026/75 County Borough Council matters

Previously reported. Please can Adam confirm if these have been addressed as they have been ongoing for some time with no resolution.

- a. Again potholes that were reported were marked in yellow and some have been filled but not all and not to a very good standard. Mount road to Parish road is dreadful and there is no logic as to how they have been done. Some have just had tarmac dropped in the hole and some are already coming out and need filling again. The state of the roads is appalling.
- b. A concern has been raised several times about the land slippage opposite the bus stop. Still no resolution.
- c. The three lane road that comes up to the main Rhigos roundabout is still not finished. When will this be done? It is the only piece of the duelling not completed.
- d. Again, the drainage along Glynneath bank that was undertaken has been ruined by recent cabling works. The chippings are there but are contaminated with muck and the land drain no longer exists. This has still not been rectified.
- e. The footpath opposite Plasnewydd has still not been cleared and there is a hole in the path.
- f. At the top of the Glynneath bank there is a Christmas tree that has come out by the roots and there is an older tree that is coming out across the road. The community council disagree with RCT about where the boundary lies with Neath as this was always at the screw bridge. Please can they check again or contact the Community Council to clarify?
- g. The grass has been cut on the Glynneath bank to the official and correct boundary. This is not where the RCT tree surveyors have said the boundary is but agrees with what Rhigos Community Council have said. Can this be checked again please and the trees cut as they are hanging over so much that residents have to walk on the road to avoid the trees.
- h. The host step leading to the bridle path has been taken off and so the bikes are going up and down that way. Please can it be replaced?
- i. There is a very large pothole at what3words ///alerting.locked.united
- j. There should be a gate on the old Sellar coal haul road and the wooden barrier needs to be put back where the bridle path meets the road.
- k. Walters LTD had to remove the 30-40 metres of hedge grow as part of their planning at the exit of Parish road. This is now very overgrown and the vision splay out of the road is non-existent. It was cut back initially but should have been taken out as part of their conditions and moved back to create a verge. They are therefore in breach of their planning condition.

New Matters

- a. There is a tree near The Plough that has been hit by a tall vehicle and is hanging down.
- b. The footpath from the New Inn down towards Hirwaun is covered and needs cleaning.
- c. Parking at Pen y banc is getting worst and is causing a hazard for road users and residents exiting Pen y banc.
- d. A tree has been cut on the Glynneath bank and the cutting left on the roadside.
- e. The grass at Heol Y Bryn and Gwraingfryn has finally been cut but can this be put back onto the schedule of works as it was originally on the schedule and is now being missed.
- f. As H above .This is a public footpath.
- g. The hedge at 1 Cwrt Twyn Rhyd is growing out over the pavement.

- h. There are racers on Hirwaun Industrial Estate on the weekends near to The Pitt Café. Councillors will also discuss this with the PSSO at the coffee morning on Wednesday 12th August.
- i. Postage bins at the side of the village shop, please can this be investigated to see if planning for these has been approved.
- j. The refuse that is building up outside the shop needs to be removed.

2026/76 Cemetery

- a. Cllr. Oliver and Cllr. Evans met with a second company at the cemetery and that estimate to cut the trees has been received. The initial estimate is not detailed enough and so the Clerk will contact them and ask for a more detailed quote that includes the amount of VAT. This will be done before a decision is made.
- b. Clerk to arrange a date to meet with Cllr. Morgan to mark plot numbers onto the map that he has provided.

2026/77 Correspondence

- a. All email correspondence passed to Council. No questions raised.
- b. Formal complaint in relation to Parish Road submitted to RCTCBC by the Clerk.

2026/78 Rhigos allotments

- a. Received from Cllr Wagner £6.00.
- b. Letter received from RCTCBC Environmental services re burning at the allotments. This has been addressed and the Clerk will update the Community Council address with the Land registry.

2026/79 Accounts

- a. The date for the exercise of electors' rights has now ended and the concluded accounts for the year 2025-2026 will be sent to Audit Wales by the Clerk.
- b. The refuse company that Cllr. Morgan had suggested is no longer suitable and so the account will remain with Veolia. Their schedule has now been updated to that which has been requested.

2026/80 Member's Verbal Reports

- a. As Cllr. Wagner is unavailable Cllr. Evans and Cllr. Smith will water the plant pots at the entrance to the village.

2026/81 Any Other Business

- a. Drainage
- b. Benches one memorial one butterfly and application to be made
- c. Memorial stone

Date of next meeting

Monday 12th October 2026 at 6:45pm Rhigos Community Centre.

Signed

Date

Councillor Pat Oliver